

Remarks

The Examiner objected to claims 1-6 and 47-55 because of minor informalities. The present amendments to claims 1 and 47 are believed to obviate these objections.

The Specification was objected to as failing to provide support for the claim terminology “article of manufacture”. The phrase “article of manufacture” is deleted from the claims by the present amendments. This amendment as to form is made to emphasize statutory subject matter (see below); it is not intended to exclude any article from the scope of the claims that would otherwise be covered by the amended claim language.

Claims 27-46 were rejected under Section 101 as directed to an “article of manufacture” that might include program code written on paper. The claims are amended to recite, “A computer-readable medium storing computer-readable program code”. As explained in the PTO “Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility,” at Annex IV: “[A] claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program is a computer element which defines structural and functional interrelationships ... and is thus statutory.” Accordingly, this ground for rejection should now be withdrawn.

The same amendments are believed to obviate the rejections under Section 112, first paragraph.

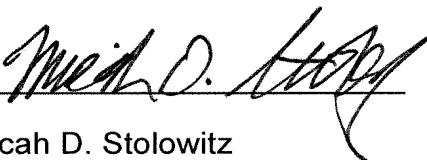
Claims 1-26 and 47-55 were objected to because of minor objections as to form, but indicated allowable upon correction of those minor objections. See Office action at page 3, paragraph 5. Those corrections having been made above, these claims should now be allowed.

Accordingly, the technical matters raised by the Examiner are resolved and this case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his

careful attention to this case.

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